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Dear Mr Martin,

We have received information that General Saad el Din el Shazly, the former chief of the Egyptian armed forces, who has been living in Algeria for the past 14 years, has decided to return to his native Egypt.

In 1981 General Shazly, who had led the Egyptian forces in the October 1973 Arab-Israeli war, was tried in absentia by an Egyptian military court and sentenced to three years in prison for allegedly revealing military secrets in a book which he had written in 1979 about the October war. He only came to know about his trial through the media and now, on his impending return to Cairo, he intends to seek a retrial and is confident of proving his innocence if he is given the opportunity in a free and open trial.

We are deeply concerned about this matter and urge you to use your utmost influence with the Egyptian government to persuade them to grant General Shazly the retrial he seeks, and that it be open and fair, and that he be given the necessary legal guarantees to enable him to defend himself adequately.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr Azzam,

Mr Martin has passed on to me your letter dated 9 March regarding General Shazly's return to Egypt.

Please be assured that Amnesty International will make every effort to monitor General Shazly's case, and appreciate very much your assistance in keeping us informed of new developments.

May I take this opportunity to send my greetings to you and all your colleagues on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr.

Yours sincerely,

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